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Dear Attorney Hesse:


Please support the settlement agreement that has been reached between Microsoft and the U.S. attorneys in the ongoing antitrust case. I urge the Department of Justice to do whatever you can to convince Judge Kollar Kotelly that this is the best deal for the American consumer.

I am a small businessman with a development company. I use Microsoft products, and I work for many in the high-tech field in the course of my day. It is obvious to me that this case should end for several reasons:

- there is no monopolistic control of the market present here;
- the economy has suffered by the uncertainty the trial has created;
- the settlement reached is exactly the sort of end we should want;
- a continuation, or more severe penalties, only benefits the special interests of other companies, not the American public;
- the high-tech sector would be hurt greatly by more regulation;
- and, a resolution now could bolster the economy at a time when it really needs it.

Thank you for your consideration of my opinion. I hope the settlement is adopted.

Sincerely,



Timothy Sullivan